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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Docket No. MC96-3

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF
THE OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS PATELUNAS
(OCA/USPS-T5-5)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response to the following interrogatory of the Office of the Consumer Advocate: OCA/USPS-T5-5, filed on July 19, 1996, and redirected from witness Patelunas. The response originally was due on August 2, 1996, but the Postal Service filed a motion requesting an extension until today to file the response. *Motion of the United States Postal Service for Extension of Time to Respond to OCA/USPS-T5-5, August 2, 1996.*

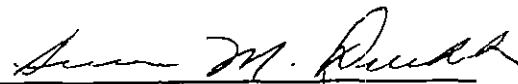
The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

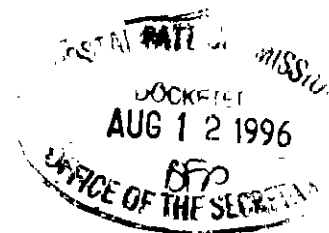
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OCA/USPS-T5-5. Please refer to Table 7 on page 25 of SSR-90. This table presents C.V.'s of FY 1995 letter shaped mail volume proportions derived from the City Carrier Costs System. Please explain the significant increase in sampling error for the larger volume estimates over those reported in Table 1 of G-127 for FY 1993.

Comparison of C.V.'s for FY93 and FY95

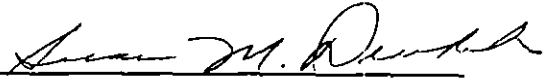
| <u>Mail</u> <u>Class</u> | <u>1995</u> <u>prop</u> | <u>1993</u> <u>prop</u> | <u>1995 C.V.</u> <u>percent</u> | <u>1993 C.V.</u> <u>percent</u> | <u>Percent</u> <u>increase</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| FCM L&P | .218 | .237 | 2.18 | 1.04 | 110 |
| FCM Pre L&P | .311 | .297 | 2.24 | 1.06 | 111 |
| Total FCM | .567 | .571 | 2.07 | 0.70 | 196 |
| TCM Bulk Reg | .165 | .161 | 6.40 | 2.43 | 163 |
| Car Pre | | | | | |
| TCM Bulk Reg | .161 | .150 | 2.16 | 1.17 | 85 |
| other | | | | | |
| TCM Total reg | .326 | .311 | 3.28 | 1.22 | 169 |
| Total Third | .407 | .399 | 2.45 | 0.98 | 150 |

OCA/USPS-T5-5 Response:

The C.V.'s and confidence limits shown in USPS LR-SSR-90 for the City Carrier Cost System are incorrect. Revised pages for LR-SSR-90 are being filed today. See *Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing of Revised Pages for Library Reference SSR-90, August 12, 1996.*

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.



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